

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON TRANSITIONS TO COMMUNITY LIVING:
ADULT CARE HOME TRANSITIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

10:00 am

Room 544, Legislative Office Building

Senator Stan Bingham, Committee Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and introduced the Sergeant-at-Arms. He also recognized Committee member, Ann Medlin, who was absent from the September meeting. Committee members present included Co-Chairman Rep. Nelson Dollar, Sen. Peter Brunstetter, Sen. Louis Pate, Rep. Mark Hollo, Rep. William Brisson, Mark Long, Leigh Ann Kingsbury, Ann Medlin, Pam Shipman, Hugh Campbell, Sam Hooker, Peggy Terhune, Michael Watson, Jim Jarrard, and Dennis Streets. Staff members included Theresa Matula, Donnie Charleston, Amy Jo Johnson, Patsy Pierce and Sara Kamprath. Senator Bingham called for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, which was made and seconded. He remarked that this meeting would be reduced in length and conclude at 1:00pm.

Senator Bingham introduced Tara Larson, Chief Clinical Operations Officer, DMA, and DHHS to give an update on the Institutes on Mental Disease (IMD) issue. Ms. Larson presented a power point presentation. (attached) Four facilities were determined to be IMD as of Sept. 17, 2012. She noted that there was a methodological change in bed count. Instead of using licensed beds, they are now counting occupied beds. Ms. Larson said that Phase II of the process is moving forward even though the temporary restraining order is in place. She also described the method to determine shared ownership of Adult Care facilities.

Ms. Larson continued her presentation on Personal Care Services. Ms. Larson noted that the PCS require an independent assessment by a nurse in order to meet the eligibility requirements. If the requirements are lowered, then more people will qualify and the cost will be much higher. There is an RFP for these assessments. At this time, no Medicaid recipients have been denied services because of eligibility requirements. Rep. Brisson asked if the assessment can be appealed. Independent assessments can be updated at any time in response to an appeal.

Ms. Larson's final presentation concerned the Adult Care Home's discharge planning process and timeline. The LME's have been asked to develop a plan of action for discharging recipients. They will assume the responsibility for finding available housing, using a housing database provided as part of the DOJ settlement. It is important to note that funding is available only for PCS and not for IMD.

Senator Bingham recognized the next speaker, Karen Adams-Gilchrist, Chief Program Officer for Easter Seals. Ms. Adams-Gilchrist presented a power point presentation. (attached) She noted the DD homes rely on Medicaid payments and they will lose \$600,000 to \$800,000 this year. She predicted that none of the residents in the homes for the mentally ill will qualify for

Medicaid funding and only 14% of homes for I/DD residents will qualify. The solutions are to stabilize current funding, transition to 1915 (i)-option services and seek long-term solutions such as smart homes.

Senator Bingham recognized Pam Shipman, CEO of Cardinal Innovations to address the Committee. Ms. Shipman spoke about support for independent living using the attached presentation. The Geriatric Adult Specialty Teams can assist in the transition from ACH to community living. Job placement and training services are important new services. Peer support is crucial during and after transition. Funding is available for moving expenses as a part of community transition support. Ms. Shipman noted that the barrier to independent living is the loss of Medicaid funding. Residential support service using Innovations waiver funding for currently licensed group homes could support I/DD population. Crisis support services are necessary.

The last speaker was Dr. Patricia Porter, Health and Human Services Consultant. Dr. Porter discussed the responses to the questionnaire that she had sent to the Committee members. She stated that they fell into three categories; funding, housing/residential support, and services & support. The responses are available on the Committee website.

Representative Dollar stated that the next meeting would be on November 14th and further discussion of the questionnaire responses would take place at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria Kinnaird, Committee Clerk

Senator Stan Bingham, Presiding Chair

Representative Nelson Dollar, Co-Chair